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Applicant : John P. Ertel et al.  
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Title : DISPENSING ADHESIVE IN A BOOKBINDING SYSTEM

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE

In response to the Examiner's action dated March 17, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Please add the following new claims.

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21. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein the adhesive dispenser is configured to automatically advance the solid sheet adhesive beyond the location cut by the width cutter, and to automatically cut across the solid sheet adhesive with the length cutter to prepare a clean leading edge for a subsequent sheet binding.

COMMENTS

I. Status of claims

Claims 1-20 were pending.

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